GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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URANIUM PROCESSING PLANT
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a)whether the Government has any proposal to set up Uranium Ore Processing Plant in the country;

(b)if so, the expected cost of the project, the locations identified for setting up of the same and the number of persons likely to get employment opportunities with the commissioning of the same; and

(c)the time by which the above Plant is likely to be set up?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c)Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) a public sector undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy, proposes to set up uranium ore processing plant at Tummalapalle in the Kadapa district, Andhra Pradesh. The estimated cost of the plant is Rs.694.59 crore. About 384 personnel are likely to be employed in the processing plant and it is expected to be commissioned within 36 months.

(d)In addition, pre-project activities for processing plants at Seripally in the Nalgonda district, Andhra Pradesh and Mawthabah in the West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya have been taken up. However, the projects will be taken up only after all statutory clearances are obtained and investment decision is taken by the Government.